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**SECTION 272 SUNSETS FOR SBC IN THE STATES OF ARKANSAS AND MISSOURI  
BY OPERATION OF LAW ON NOVEMBER 16, 2004  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 272(f)(1)**

**WC Docket No. 02-112**

The provisions of section 272 (other than section 272(e)) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), applicable to Bell Operating Company (BOC) provision of in-region, interLATA telecommunications services sunset for SBC's operations in Arkansas and Missouri by operation of law as provided in section 272(f)(1), effective November 16, 2004.

Section 272 of the Act requires BOCs to provide in-region, interLATA telecommunications services through separate corporate affiliates, subject to certain safeguards. 47 U.S.C. § 272(a)(2). Section 272(f)(1) provides that the provisions in section 272 (other than section 272(e)) expire three years after a BOC or BOC affiliate is authorized under section 271 to provide in-region, interLATA services, unless the Commission extends such 3-year period by rule or order. 47 U.S.C. § 272(f)(1).

The Commission granted SBC section 271 authorization for the provision of in-region, interLATA services in the states of Arkansas and Missouri in an order released on November 16, 2001.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to section 272(f)(1), section 272 (other than section 272(e)) sunsets by operation of law for SBC in the states of Arkansas and Missouri, effective November 16, 2004.<sup>2</sup>

For further information, please contact Jon Minkoff, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.

Action by the Commission on November 16, 2004: Chairman Powell, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein.

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<sup>1</sup> *Joint Application by SBC Communications Inc., Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Arkansas and Missouri*, CC Docket No. 01-194, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 20719 (2001).

<sup>2</sup> *See Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate and Related Requirements*, WC Docket No. 02-112, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 26869 (2002) (finding that section 272(f)(1) is best interpreted as providing for a state-by-state sunset).